

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-01-21

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 4, 2021

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 4, 2021

Expiration Date: June 30, 2021

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska resident winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, at 11:59 p.m. on January 4, 2021 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). The harvest quota of 8 antlered bulls is expected be met by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Sept. 1 - Sept. 4	
1 antlered bull by registration permit only	Jan. 1 – Jan 4	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		No open season.
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Bill Dunker
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in Unit 22(B) West has remained stable at a low density with recruitment rates at or below 10% between 1999 and 2013. A survey completed in the spring of 2016 resulted in an abundance estimate of 728 observable moose (609-847 at 90% C.I.), and a recruitment rate of 14%. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(B) West which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. The department set an annual harvest quota of 34 bulls for regulatory year 2020-2021 based on the results of the 2016 spring abundance survey. The fall season closed Sept. 4, 2020 with a reported harvest of 26 bull moose. The winter season, RM843, opened January 1, 2021 with a harvest quota of 8 antlered bulls. The harvest is expected to be met by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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